



CHANGES IN MEDICARE MEAN YOU CAN...

# HELP YOUR PATIENTS SAVE MONEY ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS\*

## THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA) OF 2022 HELPS MEDICARE ENROLLEES BY REDESIGNING PART D<sup>1,2</sup>

Expands Medicare benefits

Lowers prescription drug costs

Includes a new option for  
how to pay for drugs

## HERE IS HOW THE IRA MAY HELP YOUR PATIENTS ACCESS AND SAVE ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS<sup>3</sup>



**Lower prices for prescription drugs** as Medicare negotiates with drug companies (in 2026)



**More help lowering out-of-pocket costs** for enrollees who qualify (in effect now)



**\$35 per month** maximum for each Medicare-covered insulin product (in effect now)



**Free recommended preventive vaccines** if patients have Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage—includes the shingles vaccine (in effect now)

## FOR PATIENTS ENROLLED IN MEDICARE PART D, COST SHARING FOR ALL COVERED DRUGS IS CAPPED AT \$2,000 AS OF 2025

The revised Medicare Part D drug benefit includes 2 phases of patient cost sharing<sup>4</sup>:

- In the first phase (deductible), patients pay 100% of the cost for covered drugs, up to \$590
- In the second phase, patients pay 25%, up to an annual limit of \$2,000

### Part D enrollee cost sharing for covered Rx drugs<sup>4</sup>

#### 1) DEDUCTIBLE

100%

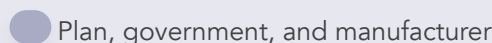
↑ \$590

#### 2) INITIAL COVERAGE

25%

Annual patient cap: \$2,000 ↑

#### 3) CATASTROPHIC



## YOUR MEDICARE PATIENTS CAN CHOOSE TO SPREAD ALL COVERED DRUG COSTS OVER A YEAR WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS<sup>2</sup>

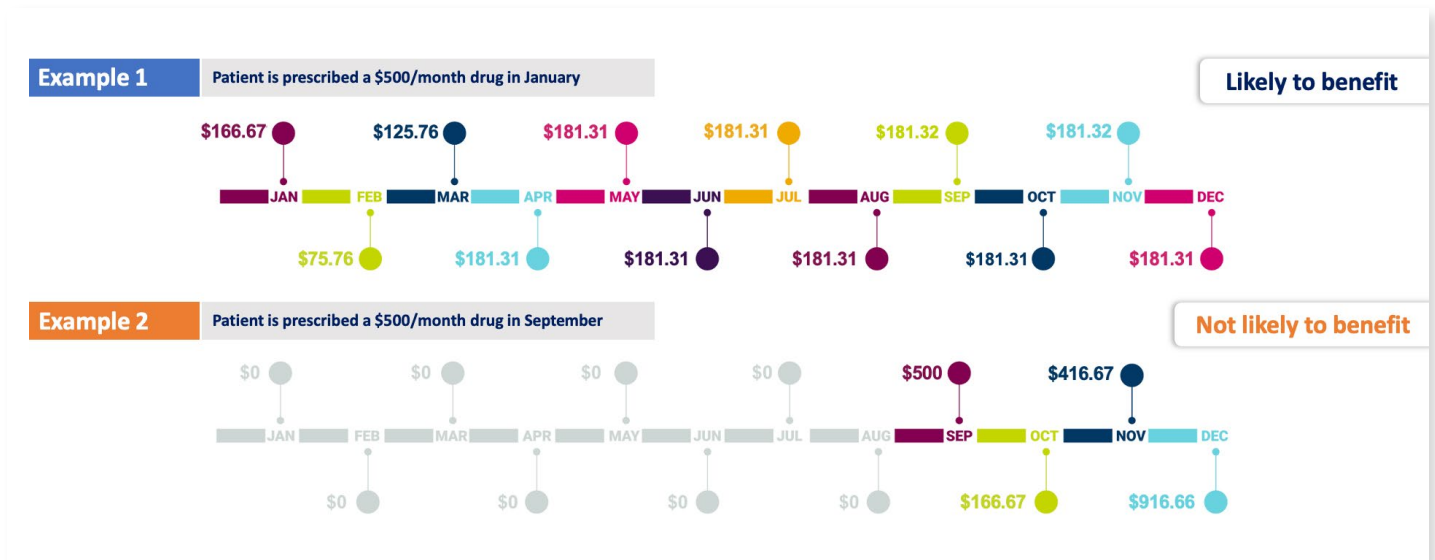
- The new Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (MPPP) can help your patients manage their healthcare costs over a year
- When your patients opt into this payment program, they make monthly payments to their Part D plan—and pay \$0 at the pharmacy

NOTE: This new payment program is not automatic—your patients must contact their Part D plan and opt in.<sup>5</sup>

Your patients can join the MPPP during Medicare Open Enrollment in 2024 or throughout 2025. They opt into the payment plan directly with their Part D plan online, by phone, or by fax.<sup>5</sup>

## THE DATE WHEN DRUGS ARE STARTED WILL IMPACT THE BENEFIT OF CAPPED MONTHLY PAYMENTS<sup>5</sup>

- Their monthly payments will be the total drug costs divided by the number of months remaining in a year
- Monthly payments may be higher when they start paying later in the year. For example:



## OTHER PROGRAMS MAY HELP PATIENTS PAY FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The IRA helps more people pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and copayments for prescription drugs.<sup>6</sup> This depends on patient income. The Extra Help link below has more information.

New Medicare benefits in the IRA already help millions of people get affordable treatments. And more benefits will be added in years to come.<sup>1</sup>



## FOR ONLINE INFORMATION ABOUT THE IRA AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE, YOU AND YOUR PATIENTS CAN VISIT:

- [The IRA and Medicare](#) (or call 1-800-633-4227)
- [Medicare Prescription Payment Plan](#)
- [The Extra Help program](#)
- [Local Medicare help](#)
- [Enroll in Medicare](#)

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